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1. INDODEL AMBASSADOR SUHUD ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT
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THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON JANUARY 27, 1973 BY THE
FOUR PARTIES AFTER A LONG-LASTING CONFLICT AND AFTER LENGTHY
NEGOTIATIONS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT
HAS BROUGHT RELIEF AND HIGH HOPES IN THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THE AGREEMENT HAS ALWAYS CONVINCED
INDONESIA THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE GOES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

IN SIGNING THE PARIS AGREEMENT THE PARTIES SIGNATORY HAVE
SOLEMNLY DECLARED THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN
SOUTH VIET-NAM AS A FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF
THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS TO ESTABLISH THE
LONG-DESIRED PEACE IN VIET-NAM.

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IT IS PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE NATIONAL DELEGA-

TIONS TO THE ICCS IS OBVIOUSLY AT THE INVITATION OF THE PARTIES SIGNATORY TO THE AGREEMENT. THE ICCS HAS BEEN SET UP WITH THE AIM OF CONTROLLING AND SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS. HOWEVER, THE SINCERE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES SIGNATORY.

IT HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME THAT THE ICCS FOUND ITSELF IN A STATE OF INACTIVITY DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THIS BODY, THUS COMPLICATING ITS TASK AND BURDENING THE ICCS WITH PROBLEMS WHICH ESSENTIALLY WERE NOT FOR IT TO SOLVE.

OF LATE THERE HAS BEEN A REGRETFUL ESCALATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM WHICH HAS RISEN TO AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THEREBY CONTINUOUSLY BRINGING ENORMOUS MATERIAL LOSSES AND LOSSES OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES. NEVERTHELESS THE ICCS REMAINS HAMPERED BY THE DIFFICULTIES IN ITS ENDEAVOURS AND EFFORTS TO DETER THE WORSENING SITUATION SO AS TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED.

MOREOVER, THE LEVEL OF ESCALATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES HAS INCREASED TO SUCH EXTENT AS TO EXPOSE MEMBERS OF THE ICCS TO AN UNACCEPTABLE DANGER. IN THIS RESPECT, BAN-ME-TUOT MAY BE CITED AS A CLEAR EXAMPLE. THE FIGHTINGS WHICH RECENTLY STARTED IN THIS TOWN, WHERE THE ICCS TEAMSITE AS STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT IS LOCATED, DIRECTLY JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ICCS, INCLUDING A MEMBER OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION, WHO ARE OFFICIALLY CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES AS CALLED FOR BY THE SAID AGREEMENT.

TO THIS DATE THE FATE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEMBERS OF THE ICCS HAS BEEN UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FIGHTINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAGING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK.

WHEREAS THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT STIPULATE THAT THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE ICCS SHOULD BE FULLY GUARANTEED BY THE PARTIES SIGNATORY TO THE AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES CONCERNED, THEREFORE, ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE

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SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF THE MEMBER OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION ON OFFICIAL DUTY IN BAN-ME-TUOT.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DEPLORABLE DEVELOPMENT, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION IS OBLIGED TO CARRY OUT THE TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF ITS MEMBERS FROM A NUMBER OF TEAMSITES AND POINTS OF ENTRY WHERE THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY ARE NOT GUARANTEED NOR RESPECTED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

IN LINE WITH THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION'S CONSISTENT POSITION
THAT THE ICCS SHOULD UNTIRINGLY CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN
ASSISTING BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO END THE WAR AND
RESTORE PEACE, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION THEREFORE ONCE AGAIN
APPEALS TO BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO EXPLORE ANEW
WAYS AND POSSIBILITIES WHICH MAY LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SPEEDY IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION.

THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION WOULD FIND ITSELF IN A POSITION TO
BE FORCED TO RECOMMEND TO ITS GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THE
DESIRABILITY OF ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE ICCS SHOULD THE
SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM DETERIORATE TO SUCH EXTENT THAT
THE SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN
DELEGATION ARE NO LONGER GUARANTEED BY THE PARTIES SIGNATORY
TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT. UNQTE.
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